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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's communication filed on 30 November 2007. **Claims 1-3** are now pending in the present application and claims 4-6 are canceled. This office action is made **Non-Final**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. The 101 rejections applied to the claims are withdrawn, as the proposed claim corrections are approved.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The 112 rejections applied to the claims are withdrawn, as the proposed claim corrections are approved.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Wolff et al.**

(hereinafter Wolff) (**US 2004/0121790 A1**).

Regarding **claim 1**, Wolff discloses within the infrastructure of a communication system (100) which reads on the claimed “mobile telephone network”, a method of storing and forwarding the content of a conference call (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; Fig. 1) comprising:

in response to a request by a group member, initiating a conference call on the mobile telephone network among a specified group of communication devices (106) which reads on the claimed “mobile telephone devices” (see pg. 2, [0023]);

recording the conference call within the network infrastructure of the mobile telephone network used to broadcast the conference call (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; pg. 5, [0047]; Fig. 3);

storing the conference call on a memory subsystem (208) which reads on the claimed “storage medium” within the network infrastructure used to broadcast the conference call (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; pg. 4, [0039]; pg. 5, [0047]; Fig. 3);

determining which mobile telephone devices (106) did not participate in the conference call (see pg. 7, [0071]);

transferring the recorded conference call to a voicemail server (e.g., AIRS) (see pg. 3, [0028-0030]; pg. 7-8, [0072]), where the system records and stores audio files for retrieval and

copying the recorded conference call to a mailbox of the mobile telephone device users that did not participate in the conference call (see pgs. 3-4, [0034]; pg. 7-8, [0072]), where the member can be prompted to retrieve the conversation, access conversations via a member account on a web page, and/or the conversation can be sent via an email attachment to a member mailbox (or inbox); and

composing and sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message to the mobile telephone devices (106) that did not participate in the conference call, the mobile telephone devices being able to listen to the recorded conference call in their associated mailbox at anytime (see pg. 7-8, [0072-0073]), where a prompt is provided for missed conversations and the member can retrieve the conversation, access conversations via a member account on a web page, and/or the conversation can be sent via an email attachment to a member mailbox (or inbox) (see pgs. 3-4, [0034]). Wolff inexplicitly discloses having the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message. However, the examiner maintains that the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message was well known in the art, as taught by Urs.

In the same field of endeavor, Urs at the least discloses the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message (see col. 6, lines 29-42), where the system provides a voice mail alert in SMS format.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Wolff and Urs to have the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message, in order a method and apparatus for providing voice mail service in a dispatch radio communication system that includes a dispatch processor and a voice mail system, as taught by Urs (see col. 2, lines 41-44).

Regarding **claim 2**, Wolff discloses within the infrastructure of a mobile telephone network (100), a system for storing and forwarding the content of a conference call (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; Fig. 1) comprising:

in response to a request by a group member, means for initiating a conference call on the mobile telephone network among a specified group of mobile telephone devices (106) (see pg. 2, [0023]);

means for recording the conference call within the network infrastructure of the mobile telephone network used to broadcast the conference call (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; pg. 5, [0047]; Fig. 3);

means for storing the conference call on a storage medium within the network infrastructure used to broadcast the conference call (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; pg. 4, [0039]; pg. 5, [0047]; Fig. 3);

means for determining which mobile telephone devices (106) did not participate in the conference call (see pg. 7, [0071]);

means for transferring the recorded conference call to a voicemail server (e.g., AIRS) (see pg. 3, [0028-0030]; pg. 7-8, [0072]), where the system records and stores audio files for retrieval and

copying the recorded conference call to a mailbox of the mobile telephone device user's that did not participate in the conference call (see pgs. 3-4, [0034]; pg. 7-8, [0072]), where the member can be prompted to retrieve the conversation, access conversations via a member account on a web page, and/or the conversation can be sent via an email attachment to a member mailbox (or inbox); and

means for composing and sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message to the mobile telephone devices (106) that did not participate in the conference call, the mobile telephone devices being able to listen to the recorded conference call in their associated mailbox at anytime (see pg. 7-8, [0072-0073]), where a prompt is provided for missed conversations and the member can retrieve the conversation, access conversations via a member account on a web page, and/or the conversation can be sent via an email attachment to a member mailbox (or inbox) (see pgs. 3-4, [0034]). Wolff inexplicitly discloses having the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message. However, the examiner maintains that the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message was well known in the art, as taught by Urs.

Urs at the least further discloses the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message (see col. 6, lines 29-42), where the system provides a voice mail alert in SMS format.

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Regarding **claim 3**, Wolff discloses within the infrastructure of a mobile telephone network (100), an apparatus comprising a computer readable storage medium with computer

program instructions embodied therein for storing and forwarding the content of a conference call, the computer program instructions when executed causing a processing device to perform (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; Fig. 1):

in response to a request by a group member, initiating a conference call on the mobile telephone network among a specified group of mobile telephone devices (106) (see pg. 2, [0023]);

recording the conference call within the network infrastructure of the mobile telephone network used to broadcast the conference call (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; pg. 5, [0047]; Fig. 3);

storing the conference call on a storage medium within the network infrastructure used to broadcast the conference call (see pg. 2, [0018-0019]; pg. 4, [0039]; pg. 5, [0047]; Fig. 3);

determining which mobile telephone devices (106) did not participate in the conference call (see pg. 7, [0071]);

transferring the recorded conference call to a voicemail server (e.g., AIRS) (see pg. 3, [0028-0030]; pg. 7-8, [0072]), where the system records and stores audio files for retrieval and

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composing and sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message to the mobile telephone devices (106) that did not participate in the conference call,

the mobile telephone devices being able to listen to the recorded conference call in their associated mailbox at anytime (see pg. 7-8, [0072-0073]), where a prompt is provided for missed conversations and the member can retrieve the conversation, access conversations via a member account on a web page, and/or the conversation can be sent via an email attachment to a member mailbox (or inbox) (see pgs. 3-4, [0034]). Wolff inexplicitly discloses having the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message. However, the examiner maintains that the feature(s) sending a short message service (SMS) notification of a voice mail message was well known in the art, as taught by Urs.

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Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection necessitated by the amended language and/or new limitations.

In response to applicant's arguments, the Examiner respectfully disagrees as the applied reference(s) provide more than adequate support and to further clarify (see the above claims for relevant citations and comments in this section).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WILLIE J. DANIEL JR whose telephone number is (571)272-7907. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on (571) 272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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